

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A token ~~with built-in IC chip~~ for a gaming machine, comprising:

an integrated circuit chip having a storage section which stores for storing at least a game initial data set,

~~wherein the game initial data set is selected from a game initial data group comprising a plurality of game initial data sets~~the token is attachable to and detachable from a figure.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The token ~~with built-in IC chip~~ according to Claim 1, wherein:

~~the storage section comprises an IC chip provided with a~~includes flash memory, ~~the IC chip being built in the token, and~~

~~wherein the IC~~integrated circuit chip ~~comprises~~includes a microcomputer, a control gate array, and a connector.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The token ~~with built-in IC chip~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the game initial data set ~~comprises~~includes a character data set regarding a

character controlled by a player with the gaming machine, a bonus data set, or a combination thereof.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The token ~~with built-in IC chip~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the game initial data set stored in the storage section is selected randomly from ~~the~~a game initial data group.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The token ~~with built-in IC chip~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the game initial data group ~~includes a game initial data set having~~has a bonus data set providing a predetermined profit in a game.

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The token ~~with built-in IC chip~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the token is utilized for providing a strategic simulation game.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A ~~token with built-in IC chip~~figure for a gaming machine, comprising:

a form resembling a character used in the gaming machine; and

a base portion to which the form is attached;

wherein a token having an integrated circuit chip with a storage section being
~~capable of~~or storing at least a game initial data set, wherein the ~~storage section has~~

~~stored a game initial data set being selected from a game initial data group comprising~~
~~a plurality of game initial data sets before the token is utilized~~is attachable to and
detachable from the base portion.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) ~~The token with built-in IC chip~~figure according to
Claim 8, wherein:

~~the storage section comprises an IC chip provided with a~~includes flash memory,
~~the IC chip being built in the token, and~~

~~wherein the IC~~integrated circuit chip ~~comprises~~includes a microcomputer, a
control gate array, and a connector.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) ~~The token with built-in IC chip~~figure according to
Claim 8, wherein the game initial data set ~~comprises~~includes a character data set
regarding a character controlled by a player with the gaming machine, a bonus data set,
or a combination thereof.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) ~~The token with built-in IC chip~~figure according to
Claim 8, wherein the game initial data set stored in the storage section is selected
randomly from ~~the~~a game initial data group.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) ~~The token with built-in IC chip~~figure according to
Claim 8, wherein the game initial data group ~~includes a game initial data set having~~has

a bonus data set providing a predetermined profit in a game.

Claim 13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) The ~~token with built-in IC chip~~figure according to Claim 8, wherein the token is utilized for providingattached to the base portion in order to provide a strategic simulation game.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) A token ~~with built-in IC chip~~ for a gaming machine, comprising:
an integrated circuit chip having a storage section ~~which stores~~for storing at least game initial data,
wherein the game initial data are selected from a game initial data group comprising the game initial data,
wherein the token is attachable to and detachable from a figure.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended) The token ~~with built-in IC chip~~ according to Claim 15, wherein:
the storage section ~~comprises an IC chip provided with a~~includes flash memory, ~~the IC chip being built in the token, and~~
~~wherein the I~~integrated circuit chip comprisesincludes a microcomputer, a control gate array, and a connector.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) The token ~~with built-in IC chip~~ according to Claim 15, wherein the game initial data comprises character data regarding a character controlled by a player with the gaming machine, bonus data, or combination thereof.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended) The token ~~with built-in IC chip~~ according to Claim 15, wherein the game initial data stored in the storage section is selected randomly from ~~the~~a game initial data group.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended) The token ~~with built-in IC chip~~ according to Claim 15, wherein ~~the game initial data group includes~~ the game initial data ~~having~~has bonus data providing a predetermined profit in a game.

Claim 20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (Currently Amended) The token ~~with built-in IC chip~~ according to Claim 15, wherein the token is utilized for providing a strategic simulation game.

Claim 22 (New) The token according to claim 1, wherein:

the figure is a figure resembling a character used in the gaming machine;

the token is attachable to the figure only if no other token is attached to the

figure; and

with the token attached to the figure, the game initial data is combinable by the gaming machine with game initial data stored on an integrated circuit chip of another token attached to another figure resembling the same character.

Claim 23 (New) The figure according to claim 8, wherein:

the token is attachable to the base portion only if no other token is attached to the base portion; and

with the token attached to the base portion, the game initial data is combinable by the gaming machine with game initial data stored on an integrated circuit chip of another token attached to a base portion of another figure having a form resembling the same character.

Claim 24 (New) The token according to claim 15, wherein:

the figure is a figure resembling a character used in the gaming machine;

the token is attachable to the figure only if no other token is attached to the figure; and

with the token attached to the figure, the game initial data is combinable by the gaming machine with game initial data stored on an integrated circuit chip of another token attached to another figure resembling the same character.